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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting with State Department and Justice Department  
Officials Regarding Letelier Case

1. At 1500 hours today [REDACTED] Acting Chief, Latin America Division, [REDACTED], Chief, LA/ [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED] of the Office of General Counsel, Ambassador Landau, Mr. Frank McNeill, Mr. Eugene Propper, and Mr. Larry Barcella met in the General Counsel's office for discussions concerning the Letelier case.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] opened the meeting saying that he had available for review by participants a paper on the CONDOR organization [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Mr. Propper said that he was interested only in the CONDOR paper but then he later exhibited an interest in both papers. Both papers were read and discussed. AC/LAD also mentioned to the Ambassador and Mr. McNeill that we were working on another paper for a coordinated media position. The Ambassador affirmed enthusiastically the need for this latter paper.

3. [REDACTED]

4. Ambassador Landau, in reading the summary of Contreras' visits to the United States, referred to the [REDACTED] 1975 meeting of Contreras with General Walters. The Ambassador noted [REDACTED]

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that Contreras and Walters had met alone for 45 minutes and he wished to know if there were any memoranda of conversation concerning what had transpired during that meeting. Agency representatives agreed to determine if such a memo existed and to advise the Department.

5. [REDACTED]

6. [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

Both the Ambassador and Mr. McNeill also wondered whether the issuance of the visas in the Paraguayan passports should be included in their "first phase response." It was decided that the position here would be acknowledgement that the visas were issued as a routine matter for an apparently legitimate purpose and that as soon as it was determined that false information had been provided, the visas were revoked.

8. [REDACTED]

9. Ambassador Landau was asked for his assessment of the effect of the indictment on the Pinochet government. The Ambassador gave a brief assessment and concluded that Pinochet was still very firmly in control and that he still has the support of a great majority of the Chilean people.

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10. [REDACTED]

11. At this juncture a few moments recess was called during which the Ambassador's transportation arrangements were modified and [REDACTED] was called. AC/LAD did not attend the resumption of the meeting which was brief and consisted only of questions from Messrs. Propper and Barcella and the Ambassador concerning information supplied in [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] was thanked for his time and the meeting was adjourned.

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